

Bill #6025

Testimony

Representative Srinivason

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HB 6025 An Act Concerning Certified Medical Assistants

As a Certified Medical Assistant, I am very excited about bill #HB6015. I have been working with a provider in a busy family practice since 2003, seeing 20-23 patients a day. CMA's in our office were able to administer vaccinations until we were bought out by ProHeath Physicians in 2010. There were no incidents from 2003 to 2010. Since being acquired, I have trained more than a few LPN's right out of their schooling to do the same exact thing I do, but they are the ones to administer vaccines. Most of our new hires have never worked in any type of office setting nor were they exposed to office environment in school. It is frustrating seeing these fresh candidates being allowed to provide vaccinations, when I and other CMAs, have and maintain all credentials and complete all ongoing education requirements.

Not allowing CMAs to practice up to their scope and their level of education is a costly mistake that the family practice sector of healthcare can not afford. By reducing the role of CMAs, offices must hire LPNs, at a higher salary, to do the exact thing CMAs are stripped of, even though CMAs have the pharmaceutical and medication administration training and certification that is more than sufficient for the role. Imagine the technology and services that must be sacrificed because someone is not allowed to do exactly what they are trained for.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this bill.

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